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Extract from the 26 March 1980 Staff Meeting Minutes

Hetu reported columnist Jack Anderson's assistant, Dale Van Atta, has sent a letter to [ ] (OSR branch chief who is also managing the Afghanistan Task Force) asking that if [ ] should ever become disaffected, Van Atta would help to publicize. Hetu said the letter is now with the Office of Security. Clarke said he is not aware of any reason why [ ] was approached by Van Atta. Silver added that it is Van Atta's style to solicit disaffection around town. Clarke called attention to Anderson's column "A New Chinese ICBM Capability" (attached) in today's Washington Post suggesting Van Atta as the source. A brief discussion followed including concern for Anderson's and his associates' continued possession of classified documents and that we now know how they were acquired. Despite this, Hitz and Silver emphasized that our effort to get DOJ and the FBI to recover the documents has met only inertia. Noting that he will be lunching next week with Deputy Attorney General Renfrew, Mr. Carlucci asked Silver to provide pertinent information including Van Atta's letter to [ ] for the luncheon.

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